

**CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE  
FEED INSPECTION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING  
Sacramento, California  
February 8, 2005**

**MINUTES**

**MEMBERS**

Thomas Geary  
Frederick Frost  
Rob Gilbert  
Kurt Hertlein  
Thomas Prokop  
Jon Tollenaar  
John Walth

**CDFA**

Stephen J. Mauch  
Elizabeth Houser  
Asif A. Maan  
Kent Kitade  
Pierre Labossiere  
Mark Lee  
Mike Davidson  
Scott Hamilton  
Dale A. Rice  
Darlene Hayashi  
Birgit Puschner  
Robert Poppenga  
Richard Breitmeyer

**INTERESTED PARTIES**

Kevin Clutter, CGFA  
Noelle Cremers, CA Farm  
Bureau

**ITEM 1: CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

**ITEM 2: INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chairman Tom Geary welcomed everyone to the meeting. Self-introductions were then made. Board member Paul Parreira was not present at the meeting.

Asif A. Maan, Ph.D., Branch Chief of the Agricultural Commodities and Regulatory Services (ACRS) Branch announced to the Board the promotion of Kent Kitade from Ag Program Supervisor T & D to Ag Program Supervisor. Dr. Maan spoke about the staff changes to the ACRS Branch, which included: Staff Services Analyst Laurie Shortridge moving to Human Resources in Headquarters, Dale Rice hired as the new Staff Services Analyst, Scott Hamilton promoted as a Registration Specialist/Lab Coordinator in a Temporary Appointment to a Registration Specialist, and Darlene Hayashi as the Branch Secretary.

A quorum was established at 9:04 a.m.

### **ITEM 3: APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Tom Geary asked the Feed Inspection Advisory Board (FIAB) members to review the minutes of the October 12, 2004, meeting.

**MOTION:** A motion was made and seconded (Gilbert/Walth) to accept the minutes as written. Motion passed unanimously.

### **ITEM 4: DIVISION/BRANCH UPDATE**

Stephen J. Mauch announced the resignation of Undersecretary Charles Ahlem and the appointment of new Undersecretary A. J. Yates.

Mr. Mauch introduced the new Division Special Assistant, Elizabeth Houser. Ms. Houser will help work on a method to more cost effectively utilize seasonal or temporary help.

Mr. Mauch spoke about the Grain and Commodity Inspection Program terminating this year. The ACRS Branch is giving up the delegation, and inspection for grain and commodities will be going private.

### **ITEM 5: CALIFORNIA ANIMAL HEALTH AND FOOD SAFETY LAB, UC DAVIS**

Dr. Birgit Puschner, DVM, Ph.D, DABVT, introduced Dr. Robert Poppenga, DVM, Ph.D, DABVT. Dr. Puschner gave an update on what the UC Davis laboratory has been doing for the past year. The laboratory has been analyzing perchlorate in milk and feed. They have analyzed 40-50 feed samples from the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA).

### **ITEM 6: BIOSECURITY ISSUES AND HOMELAND SECURITY**

State Veterinarian Dr. Richard Breitmeyer, DVM, MPVM, made a presentation on these issues:

- California is at higher risk than any other states for pest diseases and threats due to foreign passengers in and out of California
- Biosecurity
- Catastrophic bio-terrorism

In the event that an animal disease, such as foot and mouth, is detected in California, a quarantine area would be established and all movement of livestock and transportation of milk and feed in and out of livestock facilities in this area would be stopped.

Shipments of milk and feed would only be allowed after sanitation of the trucks and equipment could be demonstrated.

#### **ITEM 7: REGULATORY ACTIVITIES**

Kent Kitade gave an update on the following regulatory issues:

- In Hawaii 90 dairy cows died. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) conducted the investigation and the cause was inconclusive. The case was considered closed
- Discussed the introduction of Hazera Seeds HA 195, a new cottonseed variety. The linters have a blue-green color that appears to be mold, but is not
- Discussed complaints regarding high moisture in cottonseed
- The recommendation for removal of the exemption of corn containing more than 20 parts per billion aflatoxin being fed to beef cattle in Imperial Valley

**MOTION:** A motion was made and seconded (Gilbert/Tollenaar) to recommend removal of the exemption of corn containing more than 20 parts per billion aflatoxin being fed to beef cattle in Imperial Valley. There were no comments from the interested parties. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **ITEM 8: SAFE AND BSE INSPECTIONS**

Mike Davidson informed the Board that the Safe Animal Feed Education Program (SAFE) is providing a Feed Quality Assurance training on April 27-28, 2005, at the Edison AgTac, 4175 South Laspina, Tulare, California 93274. In cooperation with the California Grain and Feed Association and the National Grain and Feed Association, the training will be open to any feed control official in the United States, ACRS investigators, and feed manufacturers' staff. The focus of the training is feed quality assurance and feed safety.

ACRS has a contract with the FDA to perform 125 Federal Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) inspections. There have been 46 FDA BSE inspections, 48 California BSE inspections, and 10 BSE inspections as part of the tissue residue investigations, making it a total of 104 BSE inspections completed since October 1, 2004.

#### **ITEM 9: REPORT FROM AAFCO MEETING**

Mike Davidson is Chair of the Association of American Feed Control Officials' Inspection Sampling Committee, which is planning an Advanced Inspector training in June 2006 at Purdue University, Indiana.

Kent Kitade is the Vice-Chair of the Enforcement Issues Committee and gave a brief update on the FDA views of unapproved feed ingredients.

#### **ITEM 10: LABORATORY REPORT – POLYMERASE CHAIN REACTION TESTING RESULTS**

Dr. Mark Lee made a presentation from the Analytical Conference and Workshop he attended on December 10, 2004, regarding the prohibited materials in feed testing. Dr. Lee discussed the following issues:

- Feed microscopy
- Enzyme-linked Immunosorbent Assay
- Polymerase Chain Reaction analysis

#### **ITEM 11: LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Kevin Clutter of the California Grain and Feed Association had no updates for the Board.

#### **ITEM 12: BUDGET STATUS**

Fund condition and next year's budget will be presented at the next board meeting.

#### **ITEM 13: BOARD VACANCIES**

Tom Geary reminded the Board that the vacancy left by the resignation of Ray Kelly needed to be filled, as well as the terms expiring for Tom Geary and Jon Tollenaar.

Mr. Geary and Jon Tollenaar expressed they would like to be reappointed to the FIAB.

**MOTION:** A motion was made and seconded (Gilbert/Prokop) to recommend reappoints of Mr. Geary and Mr. Tollenaar to the FIAB. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board then discussed the three candidates to fill the vacancy left by Ray Kelly. They were Matt Kelly, Michael Koewler, and John W. Peters.

**MOTION:** A motion was made and seconded (Tollenaar/Frost) to recommend Michael Koewler for appointment to the FIAB. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **ITEM 14: ADDITIONAL ITEMS/NEXT MEETING**

Item for the next board meeting:

- Fund condition and next year's budget

The next board meeting is scheduled for May 11, 2005, at 10:00 a.m. at the California Farm Bureau, 2300 River Plaza Drive, Sacramento, CA 95833.

**ITEM 15: ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

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Asif A. Maan, Ph.D., Branch Chief  
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Inspection Services

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